

# AUDIENCE WILL SIT ON STAGE AT 'TOM JONES'

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## Performers To Stage 'Tom Jones' Thursday

Environmental theatre, a technique that intimately intertwines the audience with the acting area, will be attempted for the first time at MN by Jan T. Kubicki in his staging of the original musical production of Tom Jones.

"I've always wanted to do it," Kubicki says. "It's more practical and quite a challenge."

The set is designed with four platforms to compensate for the constant shifting of scenes. There is no scenery, simply the platforms and runways connecting them and encircling the bleachers.

The cast is unusually large with almost every actor playing multiple roles. 29 students portray characters. The title roles of Tom Jones and Sophie Western are played by Steve Clay and Leslie Moore. Other major



Stars in 'Tom Jones' include (above: from left to right) Steve Clay as Tom Jones, Leslie Cederquist as Mrs. Waters, Leslie Moore as Sophia Western, and Joe Noce as Squire Western.

characters include Leslie Cederquist as Miss Western, Joe Noce as Squire Western, Steve Matt as Squire Allworthy, and Robin Beck as Molly Seagren.

Nearly everyone has dual roles, and many are chosen as a contrast to the person's main role, presenting a more challenging sit-

uation for the performers.

The music is written by Kubicki and senior Richard Friedman who tried to "compensate for the shortcomings in last year's songs" of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The tunes are suggestive of the Tom Jones era, using primarily piano, flute and guitar.

Lavish, authentic costumes presented one of the largest expense problems, but numerous donations saved hundreds of dollars, Kubicki said. The musical uses over 100 costumes with half that many designed from scratch. Wigs for male characters have been ordered.

Props will also be authentic. Difficulty a in finding firearms and lanterns, but mugs, barrels and other miscellaneous objects were obtained easily. Dancing includes a bona fide minuet and one scene revolves around a banquet setting which will be done with real food.

Student Director Heidi Jacobsen and Stage Manager Bev Hershey will assist in staging Tom Jones in the auditorium, December 19, 20, 21 and January 9-11, 16-18, 23-25.

## BAND'S TRIP ABROAD COULD BE CANCELLED

MN Band's proposed trip to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland could be off, according to a recent survey here.

More than 70 per cent of three samplings of band members said they have not and do not intend to submit a \$50 remittance as down payment for the trip. Of the 70 per cent, 90 per cent are seniors.

If too many band members do not go on the trip and certain instrumental sections are hindered by their absence, the trip will be cancelled, Director Larry E. McGriff says.

Therefore, as the survey shows, the trip abroad could be off.

Families of senior band members have not paid the remittance of \$50, because of the influx of college fund requests. Seniors are being accepted to colleges and cannot afford to allot finances for a European tour.

Each band member must pay \$586 for the trip but can go for free if he participates in fund-raising drives throughout the year, according to financial guidelines set in a band parents meeting.

The band makes one-fourth of all money accrued

from the "Marple Newtown Night at the Ice Capades" ticket sales, and all profits from hoagie drives and newspaper recycling collections.

One-fourth of whatever a member contributes in sales, therefore, is subtracted from his costs. It follows that each band member must forward upwards of \$2300 in sales to go for free, according to this theory elicited for band parents.

## 18 MN Singers Join District Choir

All 18 MN Choir members who auditioned for District Choir were accepted, November 23, when MN hosted the tryouts here.

Auditions consist of singing four selected passages from designated music. Singers are judged on voice quality, rhythm, and enunciation.

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## Editorials:

# SCHOOL NEEDS PHYSICAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES

Electives practically every department at MN greatly improve student interest and participation.

A choice of electives enables students to pursue their personal interests. People are apt to achieve more in situations they find interesting. Students resent being thrown into courses arbitrarily. They value choosing their own courses and consequently feel more individualistic.

One department at MN is devoid of electives: the Physical Education Department. The only choice given is between girls' or boys' physical education, a situation over which the individual has no control.

Electives could be included in the Physical Education Department in one of several programs. One method is dividing the school year into four segments, one each report period. Several activities would be offered each report period, with each teacher teaching the one or two activities which he enjoys most. Students could choose the activity they are most interested in each report period.

Another alternative would be to design year long courses concentrating on different types of activity. For instance, one year-long course could include contact sports. Other could be personal fitness including exercise, defense and gymnastics. Still another course could include non-contact sports such as tennis and archery.

Obviously, every course will include some similar activities, but each student will have the opportunity to choose activities and will be more interested in participation.

## Survey:

# Students' Dissatisfied With Council

During November Mar News surveyed seven classes at MN about Student Council.

The majority of sophomores, juniors and seniors feel that they are not aware of Student Council happenings.

Most tenth and twelfth graders are dissatisfied with the few Student Council accomplishments; they do not think the members are doing as much as they can. The majority of juniors surveyed are content.

Students think council should improve itself by informing students more, becoming more organized and starting more schoolwide activities.

The fact that seven seniors think council could organize a successful prom shows how misinformed some students are. Each class organizes its

own prom. Many students want council to strive for open study halls.

Many comments accompanied the surveys. There were two outstanding suggestions. One read, "...should be changed from a CLUB to a working organization." The second stated, "Abolish Council and create a student advisory board for concerned students."

Other comments attribute students' apathy to lack of motivation from council. One dissatisfied student complained that council is unconcerned with Vo-Tech students. Another student says that perhaps representatives are unaware of students' wants.

A different survey was sent to all members present at a Student Council meeting on Wednesday November 20. Only twelve surveys were returned.

## EDUCATION OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

"Though the world is in transition to a post-industrial society, our schools are still busy preparing students for a 19th century industrial world. This creates disease among students and will continue to do so as long as so many educators believe the following outmoded concepts: that they must impart a specific body of knowledge, that schools are value-free, that intellectual conflict should be avoided whenever possible, and that learning only occurs in the classrooms."

Betty Barclay Franks  
Mary Kay Howard

Ed. Note: These educators developed the Futuristic Curriculum Project for the Cleveland area.

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## OBITUARY

Junior Ed Leppert of North Line Road in Larchmont died Monday December 9 at Paoli Memorial Hospital following an apparent heart attack.

Leppert collapsed at approximately 10:10 a.m. after swimming several laps in the pool here. He said he was dizzy, got out of the pool, and passed out, according to witnesses. First aid was administered by Mr. Fred McKonley, MN swimming instructor.

Leppert presented a note signed by his parent to Mr. McKonley; the note did not call for his dismissal from class Monday. Leppert swam with the class by his own choice.

Linda Endres

LETTERS:**Life Week:  
Too Long? Educational?**

Dear Editor,  
Comments about Life Week in the Mar News of November 22 irresponsibly attack the high school faculty. Ms. Carter states that the attitude of teachers caused the poor attendance during Celebrate Life Day last year. How can this incredible statement be justified? Faculty members were active participants and ran many of the successful workshops. Reaction from most of the faculty to the Day was indeed positive. However, we were very disappointed in the student reaction as demonstrated by poor attendance that day. If Ms. Carter's statement is accepted, we should have been pleased because this would give us an excuse to kill all new efforts at such activities.

Mr. Doyle implies that the faculty has destroyed Life Week. He says that some teachers feel they could not afford to miss a week of instruction. What he does not say is that these teachers feel that they need this time for their students to help them achieve necessary objectives.

It is my feeling that the objection to Life Week was almost entirely caused by the length of time involved and not the basic idea. Many faculty members could not accept the transition from one day in which many students did not accept their responsibility to five days which might end up the same way.

Eugene E. Nalence

**COUNCIL  
PROPOSES  
COURSE  
CHANGES**

An elective art course and one-half term history course were included in a list of proposed curriculum changes to Superintendent Glenn M. Sanner following a discussion with Principal William C. Capriotti at the November meeting of the Student Advisory Council.

Capriotti invited better programs to enthuse students. Proposals will be discussed at future meetings of the fifteen-member board.

Dear Editor,

Celebrate Life Week should have started a lot of people thinking, faculty and students alike. What is the purpose of education? Some feel that education is the transfer of social values; others feel that they should teach facts since facts are the only thing of which one can be sure. Some feel that education should prepare the student for a career and job. And others feel that education is a building block from which each individual can develop his or her own potential in their own way. I feel that it is a combination of them all.

Celebrate Life Week was termed an "alternative education project" - and it should be just that. However, some educators feel that the sessions are not involved in education at all, but are play periods. Perhaps they object to its relevancy - relevancy to people and their life style, instead of being concerned with one small portion of a person's life - formal education.

Mrs. Nye-Peterson

OPINION:**New  
Has  
Buckley Law  
Discrepancies**

A new federal law which went into effect on November 19, 1974 will have an important effect on seniors at MN and other high schools across the country. This law carries the name of its sponsor, New York Senator James Buckley.

Basically, the Buckley law says this: anytime a college or source outside of school requests a transcript of grades, recommendation, or teacher evaluation, the documents cannot be sent out until the parent of the student in question has seen and approved of them in person. The law also states that teachers and school officials are legally accountable for what they put in their evaluations.

This law is consistent with other recent measures to open up the records a

FORUM:**Society Cannot  
Solve Problems**

Recently, I attended a conference run by the Committee of '70 concerning the lack of voting by eighteen year olds.

The conference concerning young people would be expected to involve youth. However, as the conference progressed, it became quite obvious that adults involved were unwilling to listen to the few young persons there. The majority of the few persons interested in my opinions were students attending Temple University.

It was soon evident that most of the involved educators came with theories about youth that were supported by little data or by data that had been interpreted to fit their theories.

Fourteen seminars were

offered; three were attended by each participant. Not one seminar was designed to specifically discuss why eighteen year olds do not vote. Participants repeatedly pleaded to discuss the problem in question.

It was clear that those present lacked concern for eighteen year olds.

The conference could have been based on data concerning the supposed focal point - youth. Panels of young people could have presented the real thoughts of youth and their opinions on voting.

Only problems were presented. What hope is there for this society if those who are aspiring to solve its problems have no contact with those affected by the problem?

Mary Wesoski

parents work during the day and cannot make it to school?" The only answer, of course, is that if they are not approved, the documents necessary for acceptance to college will not be sent out.

A solution to this dilemma is apparent. Before the law was passed transcripts and recommendations were shrouded in enforced secrecy and confidentiality. Now we have gone to the other extreme and forced disclosure even to those who do not want to take the time to be informed. The best answer is to allow access to these documents on demand. The rights of those concerned about what the school is sending to colleges would be protected without inconveniencing those not concerned.

Ken Doyle

# SUBSIDIZED SCHOOL PAPERS

## FACE MORE CENSORSHIP, STUDY SHOWS

The greater the subsidies from school boards and administrative bodies to high school newspapers, the greater the degree of censorship to those papers, a recent Marple Newtown survey indicates.

In several schools which allocate funds over \$500 to their papers, advisors and principals must approve all articles before printing. The real censorship, however, comes from the student bodies.

A year-long study of high school journalism by the RFK Foundation shows the cheerleader quality of most papers is the result of self-imposed student censorship, as well as over-lording by school authorities.

Students have created their own taboos and social restrictions in the school community. Because of the similarity of this censorship in high schools, no one paper has emerged as the unobjectionable publisher of alleged muckraking.

A small degree of "investigative trailblazing" exists in several papers, however, and so there is a difference in the censorship levels. The variable which affects the difference is the amount of subsidization by school boards to the papers, according to the survey.

Mar News receives funds for paper or printing costs since it is published

in the school. Mar News has received very little censorship, publishing uncovered data in many investigations and running a series of editorials on the inflexibility of students' rights.

The Sun-Valley monthly, Voice of the Valley, receives \$300 from its school board who apparently detaches itself from what is printed with those funds. The Voice of the Valley is also printed within its district.

Radnor's Radnorite faces some discrimination from its advisors as an \$800 budget is accrued from school allotments. In more than 50 per cent of polled parochial schools in which a central administration completely funds a student publication, a principal or administrative coordinator must read page proofs of the paper previous to publication.

The Cardinal O'Hara High School O'Herald, which issues six times annually to 4,100 students, faces no censorship according to an advisor. Students subscribe to the O'Herald in an activities fee paid in the beginning of the year. The individual publication cost of \$300.

Although administrators who censor are likely trying to preserve the legality of their papers, it seems much condemnation is illicit.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union: Neither the faculty advisors nor the principal should prohibit the publication or distribution of material except when such publication or distribution would clearly endanger the health or safety of the students, or clearly and imminently threaten to disrupt the educational process, or might be of a libelous nature. Such judgement, however, should never be exercised because of disapproval or disagreement with the article in question.

Too often, as the studies show, schools which af-

ford great sums to their papers infer that the papers are reciprocating with extensive rights to critical evaluation. Administrative censorship, the outgrowth of these rights, is erroneously aimed at making papers reflect the ideals of society.

The student press should be considered a learning device, the American Civil Liberties Union says. Its pages should not be looked upon as an official image of the school, always required to present a polished appearance to the extramural world.

Mark S. Guralnick

### NEWS IN BRIEF

## Celestial Express Will Play Tomorrow

A dance featuring a holiday atmosphere will be held December 14, 8 p.m. in the senior high gym. Celestial Express a live group will perform. Admission is \$1.50. Door prizes and hot pizza will be served.

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Karen Schwoebel, a freshman at Paxon Hollow Jr. High won the pair of tickets to Elton John's December 2 Concert. The tickets were raffled by The Interact Club MN's boys service organization.

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MN's emergency closing number has been changed to the following: 454 - all MN schools Closed; 5-454 - all MN schools will open one hour late; 6-454 - all MN schools will open two hours late.

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Congratulations to Girl of the month Janice Carapellucci; Boy of the month Ken Doyle; Student of the month Mary Wesoski; and Vo-tech Student of the month James Rodman.

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A "Festival of Lights" will be presented, under the direction of Mrs. Jan Jeelepis and Mr. Larry McGriff, by the combined junior and senior high school orchestras December 13 in Paxon Hollow Jr. High School auditorium. The concert will be repeated on December 19 in the MN Jr. High School auditorium.

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Congratulations to MN history teacher Agnes Smith and Vo-Tech carpentry teacher Edgar Speer who were married Saturday, November 23 at St. Anastasia Church.

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Congratulations to English teacher Thomas Williams who has had his second selection of poetry, Editors' Choice, accepted for publication. It will be released in 1975 in London, England.

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# Detective Bugs MN Students

Using wire tapping and surveillance equipment, Lewis Smith, Director of the Delaware Valley Detective Agency, actually "bugged" students last month in the Career Center.

A private detective who worked on cases for Sammy Davis Jr. and Frank Sinatra Jr. Smith brought his "bugs" to show students interested in careers as private eyes how easy it is to wire tap and place hidden microphones. However, he did caution against illegal wiretapping.

Sending a student out into the hallway with a small but expensive surveillance mike, Smith demonstrated to the more than 25 students present how wiretapping and bugging operations are set up. Although it is easy to place a "bug" or "tap", he explained it would take

three days to search a room for the hidden electronic instrument.

As a private detective Smith is now working on the Metzger murder case. He was hired by the family of the murdered wife.

Smith has been threatened by the Mafia, offered bribes and almost forced to drop some cases. He says there are dangers involved with his job, but the pay is good and he likes the work.

Private detectives get little cooperation from police on any of their assignments, according to Smith. He says he has never been shown any police files when he needed them. He also feels that the quality of law enforcement is declining for a variety of reasons.

If anyone is interested in a career as a



Detectives Bill Fisher (left) and Lewis Smith, who is Director of the Delaware Valley Detective Agency, tell students in career center about wire tapping.

Detective, Smith recommends a college education with emphasis on electronics. To be a good detective Smith says one must be suspicious, know the streets, be a little lazy, have a sneaky streak and want to make mon-

Mr. Smith is regional director of Interpole, a world wide detectives organization. One of his assistants, Bill Fisher, also participated in the presentation.

## XPG, NOT ZPG

Dear President Ford,  
We of the Marple Newtown school district have been truly inspired by your speeches on inflation. Taking your W.I.N. slogan to heart we have decided to save money by having our reproducing equipment reproduced.

We recently ran this item in the faculty bulletin: "The reproduction equipment in the Central Office is not-repeat---NOT--available to Administrators, Department Heads, Teachers, and Coaches, et al."

This restriction is due to the fact that mating season is approaching. Our male reproducing machine model X102497A3 has already made advances at female model X1031119A4. They are a perfect match. Why, they are even from the same factory. We are well aware of the population explosion, and after they get a family started, we will practice Xerox Population Growth.

Glad to be of help.  
Sincerely,  
MN School District

## Santa's Gone Broke

'Twas the week before Christmas  
Dad said to his spouse:  
"To buy all the presents  
I've mortgaged the house.  
We're selling the Datsun  
And buying a horse.  
The garage will get messy,  
But it's cheaper, of course.  
Just look at the kids'  
Christmas lists what a  
stash!  
Where the hell are we  
Gonna find enough cash?  
Toy trains, mini-bikes  
A subscription to 'Oui'  
We'll never fit all this  
stuff  
Under the tree.  
They'll see some gifts  
missing  
And think it's a joke;  
But how do we tell them  
That Santa's gone broke?"

## Off The Tiger's Desk

## Forgotten Tintypes

By now all seniors have handed in their tintypes. For those of you who don't know what a tintype is, here is an explanation: a tintype is something which all seniors must fill out and will be printed in the yearbook next to a picture, sometimes even their own. You still don't know what we're talking about? O.K., you asked for it!

FORGOTTEN TINTYPES OF YEARS GONE BY  
David Fratenelli "Moose"  
Football 1.2 3.4...Baseball 2.3 4...Cathy Peterson 1.2.3 4 (married 3)...Murder 1...on first-name basis with Mr. Williams...chopped and channelled '56 Ford....."Duh, wha'?"  
Football 3 4...Wrestling 2.3 4...Ice Hockey 4...State Crew 3.4....Built like a house...bulging biceps...."I'm going to kill you. Tonight."

Jeffry Michaels "Airhead"  
Mar News 2.3.4...Model Aircraft Club 3.4...Photography Club 3.4...real moron.  
Thomas Lawrence Petry-Smith "Sir"  
No sports, the drip 1.2.3.4...Tutorial Club 3.4...Art Club...Honor Society 2.3.4...Brilee Club 1.2.3.4...chauffer-driven Rolls-Royce....Major stockholder in IT&T...Solid gold notebook..."My you certainly are poor, aren't you?"

Francine Davis "francine"  
Library Aide 1.2.3...Secretarial Services 3.4...Honor Society 1.2.3.4....Student Council 2.3 4...ugly duckling...real gross-out...ways cries.

# Elton Shows Keyboard Excellence

What's it like at an Elton John Concert?

The Ki Ki Dee Band performed first at the Spectrum on Monday December 2. They showed little talent with "I got the music" but did know how to excite a group of young people.

Ki Ki's gruff, powerful voice kept things moving but she got second billing and most people were not into her music. She didn't receive an overwhelming applause at the end, and she didn't deserve it.

With a large tophat, long, elegant feathers, and rhinestone-studded silver jacket and pants, Elton John appeared. One could sense what kind of night it would be as approximately 300 flashes went off.

His first song began majestically on the piano; "Funeral For a Friend" is one of his most outstanding songs with beautiful organ arrangements. "Rocket Man" gives an eerie electronic feeling of space with the electric guitar. "Bennie and the Jets" has a good melody. Here Elton John played Keyboard with no bench and much showmanship. "Grey Seal" was one of the best songs of the night with excellent dynamic chords in the background.

A ten-minute rock-and-roll segment had the entire Spectrum moving. One could feel the energy blasting through, within, and from each person. Elton makes one's ticket worth its price as he dances on the piano, throws tennis balls into the crowd, and performs extraordinary acrobatics while playing the piano.

"Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds" by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, is Elton's latest single. Here he invited the audience to sing the chorus. The red lighting was interesting and his clear voice rang through. "Don't Let the Sun Go Down On Me" is poetic with good arrangement. It sounded almost as good as Maynard Ferguson and his band playing it. Elton announced that a song about Philadelphia would be released.

One of his most forceful pieces ever, "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting" awakens everyone from the beautiful trance he puts one in. He had everyone marvelling at his ability.

After a temporary exit, he continued with "Your Song", probably the most beautiful melody ever, with poetry by Bernie Taupin. At the concert he shouted "That's your song Philadelphia" as the crowd roared.

His final number was "The Bitch is Back" with a guitar fanfare at the beginning. The condition of each person, at this moment, was total excitement. I have never seen such an amazing concert. Only by being there can one really experience the indescribable feeling.

Elton could do nothing wrong; the crowd was at his mercy. As far as excitement, Billy Joel would rate 99% and Elton John would rate 100%. However, Joel does have more class. Both have equal musical ability.



Elton John

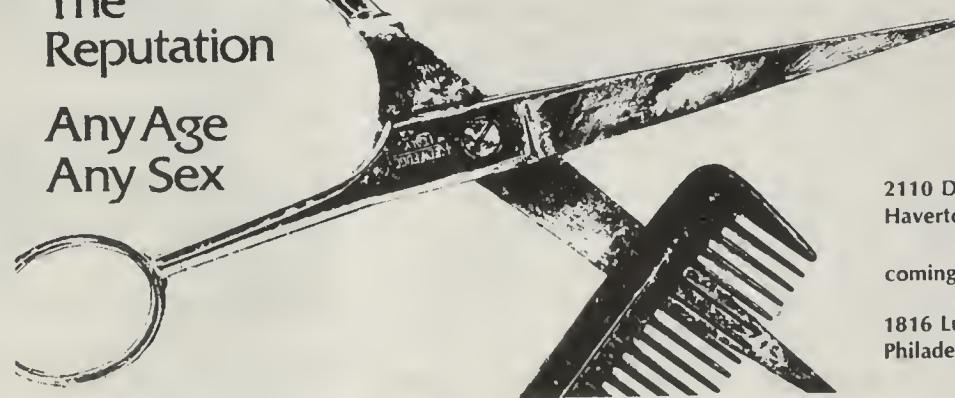
The audience demanded a lot from the superstar, and they received a lot in return. My one complaint

about the concert: I'm sorry I didn't go Tuesday night also.

Bobby "Dominos" Specia

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# PYE CLUB CLEANS LANGFORD

Members of the Protect Your Environment Club participated in a cleanup of Langford Road in Marple Township, November 16.

With the help of several township employees, they hauled tires and car body parts. People said the area looked like it had been hit by a hurricane.

Although the land is private property, it is often used as a dumping ground. Since the owners would not clean it up, PYE volunteered to do it. Their only reward was the knowledge that they had gotten rid of an eyesore, according to PYE President Nancy Kotz.

## 2 KOREANS TO FINISH SCHOOL HERE

Sun and Kyung Im, new Korean students attending Marple Newtown arrived in the United States on October 24 to complete their high school and college education. Their father is a research scientist who will be returning to Korea very shortly.

Sun and Kyung say the Marple Newtown area is quieter and more spacious than Seoul. Also, Marple Newtown has more freedom than their Korean high school. In their former school, the girls and boys were segregated and had to wear uniforms. Sun and Kyung said that the subjects here are basically the same as in Korea, except for the American math, which is easier. However, they have been having some language difficulties.

Sun enjoys piano and hockey, while her brother is an artist and a soccer enthusiast.

# Board Orders Tuition Payments From Non-Resident Senior

Should MN student Debra Shillingford be allowed to finish her senior year even though her mother has moved out of the MN school district?

Debra thinks so and told the school board November 18 of her desire to graduate from MN High School.

That morning Debra had not been admitted to MN because it was discovered that her mother was no longer living in Marple Township.

The issue began last January when Mrs. Shillingford moved to Ardmore while Debra lived alternately with her sister in Westtown and Mrs. Ellen Park of Broomall. In September, 1974 she was residing with her brother in Wayne. Debra

remained at MN, using her previous township address and signing her mother's name. In early November she made the Park home her conditional residence.

Debra petitioned the school board November 18 by stating that since she lived with a family in Broomall, she considered it her right to attend MN without paying tuition.

She was given three choices by school superintendent Dr. Vincent Sauers. They included: have Mrs. Park sign an affidavit stating that she provided at least half of Debra's support; complete her senior year at a rate of six dollars a day plus tuition since January 1974, or leave MN and attend

Lower Merion High School.

Mrs. Park wouldn't sign the affidavit and Debra described the financial situation that prohibited her from paying tuition.

In a special meeting November 25, the board discussed the possibility of waiving part of the tuition payments, since Debra has moved to Ardmore with her mother. As of the school board meeting December 2 no definite decision had been made except that if Debra chooses to continue attending MN she will be responsible only for payments from September 1974. The tuition costs of January through June 1974 have been waived.

## Junior Prom Set For May At Valley Forge Hilton

The junior prom will be held in the Banquet Room of The Valley Forge Hilton from 8 p.m. to midnight, May 16, the prom committee says.

Tickets will cost \$27 per couple. The class is counting on 400 persons and is hoping to offset the total price by \$1400 through general fund raising. The committee says they hope to cut individual costs to \$20. After January, individuals will be able to lower their price even more by additional projects.

A gourmet dinner and live entertainment, including a dinner show and a group for dancing, will be provided for the couples. There will be an unrestricted soda bar. Danish and coffee will be served later in the evening.

## New Sophomore Class Officers To Raise Funds

Sophomores recently elected class officers chose Bob McCusker as president, Bob Morgan as vice president, Anne Rotoloni as secretary and Bev Baker for treasurer. Class sponsors Thomas McHugh and Ms. Joyce Brown meet twice a month with representatives from sophomore homerooms.

Beginning with fund-raising, sophomores have discussed a dance marathon, a white elephant sale, a concert by a teachers' group, a soph hop, and bake sales. The representatives are presently selling Ice Capades tickets.

Sponsor McHugh comments that "the officers seem to be very dedicated people...real fireballs," but urges more cooperation from the representatives.

President-elect McCusker cites the sophomores' main objective to be money raising for future activities and is optimistic about the class' ability to accomplish a lot this year.

## CHOIR

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MN District Choir members are: Wendy Gold, Robin Beck, and Kristina Borgh from the Soprano I section; Annette Winter, Mellina Jizmajian, and Sandra Montago from the Soprano II section; Matt O'Brien (Tenor I); Peter Alle (Tenor II); Steve Smith (Bass I); Gail Rudolph (Alto I); Michael Rosenberg, Linda Hughes, Becky Rogers, and Sherri McCandless representing Alto II; Bob Specia, Chris Farrow, Andrew Lee, and Jay Hershorn from the Bass II Section.

Those also selected for Regional Choir are: Wendy Gold, Robin Beck, Linda Hughes, Michael Rosenberg, and Matt O'Brien.

## Broomall Jewelers

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AS CHAIRMAN

OF BOARD

Major board officers were elected Monday December 2 at the executive school board meeting held at MN.

Incumbent president Henry Clay retained his office while John Grant will be installed as the new vice president beginning January 1, 1975. School Solicitor Vram Nedurian, Jr. was also re-elected.

Nedurian was also granted a 100% annual salary increase and a \$15 meeting fee increase for the 1975 board season. This resulted from a discovery that his salary was substantially lower than other area school districts solicitors.

The board approved \$800 to be used for transporting the MN ice hockey team to away games, involving the school more with the 1974-75 activities of the ice hockey team.

Chairman Clay requested a science curriculum workshop to be presented to the board to help determine the effectiveness of MN's science program. On a national basis, MN students are scoring lower than average. Board members would like to determine the cause of this problem and consequently find a means to resolve it.

No closed meetings were voted upon by the board, so that all future meetings will be open to the public. "This will probably make the meetings longer," predicts board member Kenneth Wenrich. Business usually conducted quickly before closed executive councils will now be public and probably encompass more time in discussion.

Several special district committee appointments were made although chairman Clay hopes to avoid the use of committees within the board. He desires to make the board work more as a single unit during their upcoming year.

## English Students View 'Richard III'

Shakespearean art, a visit to the Empire State Building, and a stalled train were part of the trip to New York by ATP English classes on November 16. Forty-nine students and teachers traveled by train to see Shakespeare's Richard III, starring Michael Moriarty.

Arriving in New York City, the group split and traveled openly around the city with friends or with the main group led by Ms. Frances Carter, trip coordinator. Continuing to lose members at various attractions, the main group of students arrived at the Metropolitan Art Museum. For two hours, students and teachers looked at master-

pieces, modern art, and sculpture.

A majority of students walked through Central Park to Lincoln Center, site of the play. The theater was small, and just one phase of the entire Lincoln Center cultural complex. Favorable reaction to the three-hour play was voiced by many of the students attending.

Riding graffiti-covered subways, the group returned to the train station, where they ate in a number of nearby restaurants. As in the morning, a special caboose was waiting for the MN travelers. Fifteen minutes out of New York, signal trouble and a broken

train ahead stalled the train for nearly an hour. During the wait, a few private citizens joined in with the singing, guitar-playing English students.

Students appeared to enjoy themselves throughout the trip, and sponsors were surprised at the behavior of the students. Contrary to some expectations, students were orderly and followed directions well enough so that no persons were lost. Attendants were allowed to visit many attractions of their choice with few restrictions.

A spring trip to Washington's Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts may also be arranged.

## No Political Activity Could Mean No Freedom, Donald Barnhouse Says

"What we have in America is a government of the political party, for the political party, and by the political party," former WCAU-TV News Analyst Donald Barnhouse recently told the Engineers Club of Philadelphia.

In a talk on how to better the Philadelphia and suburban political scenes, Barnhouse said the people need information "to blast open the blocks and channels of politics."

As Executive Secretary of the Committee of Seventy, Barnhouse wants to locate the strategic points of Delaware County corruption.

Barnhouse cited Mark Twain, remarking "You've all heard of pro and con: There's pro-gress and there's con-gress."

If we cannot eliminate corruption in the suburbs, he says, then the public should not be awed at bribery, extortion, and scandal in the White House.

The people must be active in politics. If they give up, Barnhouse reasons, in five, ten, or fifteen years from now there will not be any freedom in America.

"They're going to steal the country right out from under you," Barnhouse says.

In fact he wagers that somebody is going to ask how the Hitler of America got so far.

Barnhouse observes that some Delaware and Montgomery County persons say, "I wouldn't vote; it only encourages them."

Voters should select candidates, he urges, and then ask the party to do something better or get somebody better.

Delaware County voters should watch for party officials tampering with the polls. According to Barnhouse, Philadelphians move out of the city because of filth and mismanagement of government. In the suburbs, they see no illicit action has been taken at elections. So now they've begun to corrupt the polls there.

Politicians have got us into the energy crisis, asserts Barnhouse, and it was not in the interest of the people. Oil still costs 11 cents a barrel, according to him.

"There's so much oil," he says, "that is comical to talk of a shortage."

The Committee of Seventy is a public eye for Delaware and Montgomery Counties, according to Barnhouse. Although any analysis of political nominees could be misconstrued, the committee can initiate litigation against parties or private suburban organizations.

Barnhouse refused to comment specifically on who are the enemies of the Committee of Seventy.

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Capriotti

# Students Talk Boy Swimmers Beat On Radio

Four students and Principal William C. Capriotti discussed education on Carl Bailey's WEEZ Radio talk show, November 30.

Bailey selected the MN students, seniors Ken Doyle and Sue Graboyes, junior Mark Orlando, and sophomore Bob McCusker, because MN is rated among the top ten schools.

The students discussed the pros of education, why students want an education, why students want to drop out of school, how students feel about college, and other relative issues.

Following the discussion, Bailey opened phone lines to any listener wishing to voice his opinion.

## Spanish Club Enjoys Latin Cuisine

Spanish theatre, dance, art and food are a few topics that are explored at weekly meetings of Circulo Espanol. The 16 members supplement their Spanish by exploring Spanish Culture together.

A club trip to the Red Wagon Inn on December 3 was arranged by Sponsors Dr. Lila Colli and Ms. Rita Burgess. There they feasted on typical Spanish food specially prepared by the restaurant's Spanish cooks. The guitar music enhanced the meal.

Plans for next semester include a short Spanish theatre play to be presented to the club and regular Spanish classes. They also plan to learn various Spanish folk dances.

"The club is not only for members but can be enjoyed by those who might be not able to attend every meeting," Dr. Colli adds.

Recently announced officers for 1974-75 include Latcha Riasonowsky, President; Jose Weibol, Vice-President; Lisa Granik, Secretary-Treasurer; and Jamie North and Wendy Pierce, publicity.

# Brandywine, 94-71

Marple Newtown's Boys Swim Team had their first preseason meet on December 4 with a splashing 94-71 victory over Brandywine.

The season officially opens with a home meet against Methacton, followed

by an away meet at Norristown on December 17.

This year's staff includes Mr. Alan Jones, the head coach, and Jim Wolf, the assistant. Co-Captains for the '74-75 season are Seniors Mike Friderichs and Kurt Schwoebel.

## Basketball Girls To Play Today

Marple Newtown's Girls Basketball Team will open their '74 season today, on December 13, with a game against Nether Providence. Their season includes nine games and two preseason scrimmages.

This season's Varsity Coach is Ms. Diane Reynolds. Coach Reynolds feels the team has "talent to do well if everyone lives up to their potential." Karen Shelton is the Varsity Captain. Her Varsity team-

mates include Leanne Soorikian, Jill Chapin, Fay Schiff, Laura Kramedas, Ellie Crocker, Lynn Emerson, Linda Morgenstern, and Ann Winte.

The J.V. Coach is Mrs. Deborah Mavrilla. J.V. Members include Denise Trevison, J.V. Captain; Debbie Fratantoni, Fay Derrickson, Beth Grant, Elaine Hollowell, Jane Cameron, Carol Finizio, Sue Kirschner, Kathy Martin, Liz Miller, and Heather Davis.

## SKATING TIGERS TROUNCE ST. JAMES, 10-0

Marple Newtown's defending ICSHL Champions opened their skating season with a 10-0 trouncing of St. James.

The Tigers were paced by Scott Borbridge's three goals and four assists. Bruce Megonigle and Ray Mateer each tallied 2 goals with Megonigle's coming 27 seconds apart near the close of the first period. Single goals were contributed by Paul McIntire, Jeff Schmidt, and Mark Schaefer.

The Tigers led 5-0 at the end of the first period and 8-0 at the close of the second. Borbridge completed his hat trick with two goals in the third period to finalize the score, with his last tally on a rush that started from behind his own blue line.

The Tigers outshot the Bulldogs, 45-9. Jan Dalina tended goal for the Tigers and handled all nine shots with ease.

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## VARSITY

## FOOTBALL

Tigers Fall  
To Ridley.  
Springfield

The Marple Newtown Tigers ended their season on a sour note as they fell to Ridley, 46-13, and rival Springfield, 35-0.

In the season finale at Springfield disallowed Tiger TD's by receiver Mike Martin and quarterback Drew Roulston hurt as the Cougars routed the Tigers. The nullified touchdowns came at the conclusion of the first half.

The first occurred when officials ruled that Martin did not have possession of Roulston's pass long enough to count for the score.

Then Roulston appeared to score on a quarterback sneak, but the officials ruled that he never broke the imaginary pane of the goal line.

After giving the Tigers opportunities to score while the game was close, Brian McKrides and company exploded for 3 TD's in the second half to put the game out of reach.

The previous week against Ridley, Doug Owens caught a TD pass and Tony Thompson added a score of his own to lead the Green Raiders to their second straight Central League title.

Ridley backs Bruce Gordon and Matt Wocek churned up enough yards to keep the Tiger defense on the field for much of the game.

The Tiger's 2 touchdowns were scored by juniors Greg Kennedy and Dan Peterson. Kennedy notched the first TD on a one-yard run and Dan Peterson scored on a 75-yard gallop near the end of the game.

The Tigers finished the season with an unimpressive record of 2 wins and 7 losses. With any luck at all, the record could have been more respectable. Things look bright for next season with many juniors returning and a good crop of sophomores coming up.

## MN Dribblers Lose

## To Octorara, 57-51

MN's Varsity Basketball team opened their '74-'75 season with a 57-51 loss against Octorara. In a low scoring first quarter four of Marple's starters got into foul trouble. Giordano, Smith, Heist, and Dekerchio received three fouls each. Only Chris Shaver and substitutes remained to defend against an Octorara surge that saw them take a 31-14 halftime lead. This lead resulted from poor MN plays and many turnovers.

In the second half, Octorara built up a 20-point lead, when MN's starting five could not catch the hot Octorara five. The third quarter ended 47-29 Octorara.

The last quarter was dominated by Marple as they played good team basketball. Rick Heist, who scored 18 MN points allowed Marple to draw within 3 points of Octorara with less than a minute left 54-51. Then MN was forced to foul however and Octorara won 57-51. Giordano scored 11 points in the last quarter and Dekerchio tallied 10.

Other Tigers added to the squad were seniors Bill Franklin, Scott MacDonald, Herman Sampson (injured) and junior Steve Videon.

The outlook for the



Chris Shaver (10) evades tight coverage as Varsity Tigers pull away from Octorara defense.

rest of the season is optimistic, according to Head Coach Jim Wolf despite the loss of Mike Mosenson. Mosenson is now a freshman on Texas A&I's Varsity.

Coach Wolf expects his team to play tough full-court defense spear-headed by guard Chris Shaver.

"We have to hustle more than the other team and play great defense all the time. Our guards are experienced but they can't make mistakes like they made last year," he said.

He expects to see a lot of scoring from the

trio of Rick Heist, Steve Giordano, and Steve Smith. Consistent rebounding is expected from Steve Dekerchio, Paul Bonney, and Greg Salada.

"We finished last season with a 7-14 record but we lost to teams only by a 3 point average," says Coach Wolf.

"Last year we gained the respect from every team in the league. We were in every hall-of-fame. The support of the students was great and it should be even better this year as we win games."

JV FOOTBALL TEAM ENDS  
WITH SPRINGFIELD LOSS

Interceptions ruled a snow and rain-soaked game that MN lost to Springfield 14-8, November 21.

After Harry Orban intercepted a Cougar pass, a Springfield defensive back intercepted a Bob Morgan pass and ran 60 yards with it for a touchdown on the muddy Harry Harvey Field. The extra-point was drop-kicked in, an unusual occurrence in football at all levels today. Another interception for the Cougars set up their second and final touchdown, a 19-yard

scoring pass. Another drop-kick brought the score to 14-0 at the halfway mark.

The week before, Marple lost to an excellent Ridley squad. The Tigers were burnt on the first play of the game by a 52-yard pass play by the Green Raiders. Ridley quickly scored again on a 9-yard pass following a blocked Tiger punt. The half ended with Greg Disher stopping a drive by the "Big 7." At the beginning of the second half, Ridley drove 77 yards for an 11-yard touchdown run. On the en-

suing kickoff Rick Nelson scampered 78 yards downfield to paydirt. The Green Raiders scored soon after Marple's only touchdown. A 38-yard drive ended the scoring for the day at Ridley 26; Marple 6.

The J.V. ended their season on a tough five-game losing streak which gave them a composite record for the season of 3 wins and 6 losses. The squad was composed of basically sophomores with some juniors and some players that were brought down from the varsity.